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FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE FROM ERNST

1. BETTY GOUGH HAS INFORMED US THAT THE STORY THAT SYG WALDHEIM CONSIDERING AMBASSADOR DE BEUS TO HEAD UNFDAC AND MARTENS' COMMUNICATION TO DAVIDSON STATING HE WILLING STAY ON ONLY IF HE CAN KEEP TWO POSITIONS HE CURRENTLY OCCUPYING, AND IF "ACTING" IS REMOVED FROM HIS UNFDAC TITLE, HAVE BECOME WIDELY KNOWN IN GENEVA AND CANDIDATES FOR POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS ARE EMERGING RAPIDLY AND IN SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS. BETTY HAS CHANGED HER PREVIOUS POSITION AND NOW RECOMMENDS THAT WE INTERVENE URGENTLY IN NEW YORK WITH DAVIDSON (UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR ADMINISTRATION) TO SUPPORT RETENTION OF MARTENS FOR ANOTHER YEAR. SHE RECOGNIZES HIS LIMITATIONS BUT BELIEVES HE IS IMPROVING, THAT HE IS ON TOP OF THE TURKISH NEGOTIATIONS, AND THAT HE IS DOING MUCH BETTER ON KEEPING US INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. SHE POINTS OUT, TOO, THAT HE IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE FUND'S

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PRINCIPAL CLIENTS AND SHE FEARS THAT HIS REPLACEMENT BY AN

UNKNOWN AS DIVISION DIRECTOR IS A RISK THAT SHOULD NOT NOW BE TAKEN. UNDERSTAND WELLMAN ALSO OF THIS VIEW.

2. THE DEVELOPMENT WHICH BETTY MOST FEARS IS THAT THE USSR MAY UNDERTAKE AN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN IN SUPPORT OF THE HUNGARIAN, BAYER, WHO DOES NOT HAVE THE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED AND WHOM KIRCA HAS INFORMED BETTY THE TURKS WOULD NOT LIKE TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH RE THEIR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. OTHER ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES WHO ARE ACCEPTABLE ARE MARVIN MANBY (BUT HIS AGE, 60, RULES HIM OUT) AND OLAV BRAENDEN, CURRENTLY DIRECTOR OF THE UN LAB, WHOM YOU KNOW AND WHOM BETTY RATES HIGHLY. GEORGE LING OF WHO IS AT THIS POINT ONLY A POTENTIAL CANDIDATE. LURKING IN THE BACKGROUND IS MICUTA, WHO MIGHT ALSO EMERGE AS A CANDIDATE WITH SPECIAL BACKING, BUT THERE, TOO, HIS AGE (59) MIGHT RULE HIM OUT. BETTY BELIEVES THAT IF WE LEARN FROM DAVIDSON THAT A NEW HEAD OF THE FUND WILL BE APPOINTED AND THAT THERE WILL BE A VACANCY IN THE DIRECTORSHIP OF THE DIVISION, THEN WE SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO DAVIDSON THAT WE SUPPORT BRAENDEN'S APPOINTMENT TO THIS POSITION.

3. WE IN S/NM AND IO/HDC HAVE NO REASON TO QUESTION BETTY'S JUDGMENT THAT WE SHOULD LET DAVIDSON KNOW OF OUR SATISFACTION WITH THE MANNER IN WHICH MARTENS IS CARRYING OUT HIS JOB AND OUR HOPE THAT HE WILL BE CONTINUED IN HIS POSITION FOR ANOTHER YEAR. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, KNOW BRAENDEN WELL, NOR CAN WE MAKE AN INFORMED JUDGMENT ON HIS ABILITY TO DIRECT THE WORK OF THE DND. I BELIEVE YOU ARE IN A BETTER POSITION TO MAKE THAT JUDGMENT AND INDEED WE MAY NOT BE CONFRONTED WITH IT IMMEDIATELY IF MARTENS IS KEPT ON.

4. IF YOU AGREE WITH BETTY'S RECOMMENDATION WE PROPOSE TO SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO USUN:

"(1) DEPT UNDERSTANDS THAT THERE IS SOME UNCERTAINTY ABOUT FUTURE LEADERSHIP OF UNFDAC AND DND. ABOUT THREE MONTHS AGO WE WERE VISITED BY RETIRED DUTCH DIPLOMAT DE BEUS, WHO CLAIMED HE HAD COMMITMENT FROM SYG WALDHEIM THAT HE WOULD BE APPOINTED TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC IN OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR WHEN INCUMBENT, DR. MARTENS, WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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RETIRE. WE RECENTLY HAVE RECEIVED INDICATIONS THAT MARTENS HAS INFORMED UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL DAVIDSON THAT HE IS INTERESTED IN EXTENDING BEYOND OCTOBER ON CONDITION THAT HE KEEP HIS TWO HATS, I.E., THAT HE BE CONFIRMED AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNFDAC INSTEAD OF "ACTING," AND THAT HE ALSO REMAIN AS DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS. MEANWHILE, CANDIDATES ARE SURFACING FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, AT

LEAST ONE OF WHOM, ISTVAN BAYER OF HUNGARY, WE WOULD FIND DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT.

"(2) AS MISSION AWARE, WE HAVE MISGIVINGS ABOUT PRESENT

ORGANIZATION WHEREBY ONE INDIVIDUAL IS GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY FOR DIRECTION OF BOTH FUND AND DIVISION. WE HAVE ALSO HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT MARTENS' PERFORMANCE AS ADMINISTRATOR AND AS A FUND RAISER. RECENTLY WE FIND IMPROVEMENT IN HIS PERFORMANCE. HE IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN DELICATE AND IMPORTANT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE TURKS DESIGNED TO ASSIST THEM IN GUARDING AGAINST DIVERSION OF THEIR OPIUM POPPY CROP. DURING THESE NEGOTIATIONS HE IS KEEPING OUR MISSION IN GENEVA FULLY INFORMED. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO CONTINUE MARTENS FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR. THE MISSION IS REQUESTED, THEREFORE, TO FIND A SUITABLE EARLY OCCASION TO INFORM UNDER SECRETARY-GENERAL DAVIDSON THAT DR. MARTENS HAS OUR CONFIDENCE AND THAT WE HOPE HIS CONTRACT COULD BE EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER YEAR." KISSINGER

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